(*b*) The Imperial Government may be requested to permit Mysoreans to appear for the I.C.S. and I.M.S. Examinations.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration. The question is also understood to be before the Public Services Commission.

SUBJECT No. 243.

Election of Conference members.

Messrs. Naraharaiya, Rudrappa and Krishna Rao, Nelamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that certain proportion of members of the Economic Conference may be elected by people who have taken up agriculture or industry as their special occupation.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 244.

Constitution of District Councils.

Messrs. H. V. Rangasami, Hassan taluk, Mohamed Raza and S. Ramanna, Hassan municipality.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 245.

Definition of the term "Distinguished service rendered to the State."

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In para 2 of Government Order No. 16591-629—L. R. 741-05-1, dated 30th June 1906, the words "Distinguished service rendered to the State" occur. It is not understood what is meant by "Distinguished Service" and its claims.

Several members including Messrs. Srinivasa Rao, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, M. K. Krishnamurti and Sura Sastri represented that the appointment of young men as Probationers had caused great discontent among officials in the subordinate ranks of the service as it deprived them of all legitimate chances of promotion and requested that greater encouragement might be given to these officials among whom there were many capable graduates including double graduates.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 246.

Character of public servants.

Mr. K. S. Santanam Iyengar, Closepet municipality.

Summary of discussion.—General repute regarding the character of public servants may be the subject of enquiry by the Heads of Departments, and may be taken to weigh with Government in awarding punishment to them. The Heads of Departments may be asked to enquire and report about the repute of their subordinates during their official tours.

Mr. Santanam Iyengar stated that inefficiency and corruption had increased of late in the Public Service but that it was difficult to prove corruption in any specific case. He said that Heads of Departments should, during their tours, investigate confidentially into the general repute of Government Officers and take action on the result of such enquiry.